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**11.** THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE (GOZ) HAS SUSPENDED THE  
ACCREDITATION OF BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION (BBC)  
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CORRESPONDENTS BASED IN ZIMBABWE. ACCORDING TO AN  
ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 26 EDITION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED DAILY "THE HERALD," THE  
SUSPENSION IS WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. UNDER HEADLINE  
"BBC CORRESPONDENTS' ACCREDITATION SUSPENDED," THE  
PAPER CARRIED THE FOLLOWING STORY ON PAGE ONE:

**12.** "THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY YESTERDAY  
(JULY 25) SUSPENDED THE ACCREDITATION OF BBC  
CORRESPONDENTS IN ZIMBABWE FOLLOWING A SERIES OF  
ALLEGED DISTORTIONS OF EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY. THE  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY,  
PROFESSOR JONATHAN MOYO, SAID DISTORTIONS AND  
MISREPRESENTATIONS WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND WOULD NOT BE  
ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. 'THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE BBC TO  
FOLLOW AND UPHOLD IN ZIMBABWE THE SAME PROFESSIONAL AND  
ETHICAL STANDARDS IT FOLLOWS IN BRITAIN. THAT IS THE  
BOTTOM LINE, NOTHING LESS OR MORE,' SAID PROF. MOYO IN  
A LETTER TO MILTON NKOSI, BBC NEWS BUREAU CHIEF IN  
JOHANNESBURG. .

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